

REMARKS

Summary

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, 9, 17, and 19 have been amended. Claims 2-3, 14, and 16 have been cancelled. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

Claim Rejections

35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-2, 6-15, and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Britz (US Patent # 5,414,444) in view of Knopf (US Patent # 7,170,468).

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the allowable subject matter from claim 3. Amended claim 1 recites electronic device comprising a display including a first display unit, a second display unit, and coupling means, "wherein planes containing the axes of either the coupling shafts or the rotating shafts are perpendicular to the axes of the other shafts."

The cited references do not mention or suggest at least this limitation. Claim 1 is allowable at least for this reason.

Claims 9 and 19 have been amended to recite the allowable subject matter from claim 16. Amended claims 19 recite an electronic device comprising a first protective plate and a second protective plate, "**first locking means** for locking the first protective plate such that the first protective plate extends from the first casing laterally; **and second locking means** for locking the second protective plate such that the second protective plate extends from the second casing laterally."

The cited references do not mention or suggest at least this limitation. Claims 9 and 19 are allowable at least for this reason.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action, dated September 16, 2009, indicated that claims 3-5 and 16-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 2 and 3 to be an independent claim including all of the limitations of the base claims as suggested by the examiner.

Claim 9 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 14 and 16 to be an independent claim including all of the limitations of the base claims as suggested by the examiner.

Claim 19 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 16 to be an independent claim including all of the limitations of the base claims as suggested by the examiner.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 9, and 19 are allowable. Claims 4-8, 10-13, 15, 17-18, and 20-21, being claims dependent on an allowable base claim are allowable, without more.

Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview would expedite consideration of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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